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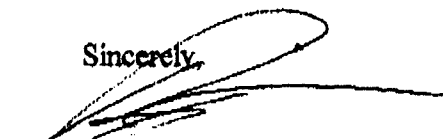
Dear Ms. Hesse:

One of the reasons the American economy is in such a weakened state is the flaws in our system. Specifically, special interests have too much power in Washington DC. The Microsoft case is a perfect example.

Microsoft's competitors don't want to compete against Microsoft in the marketplace. They spend their money on politicians rather than research and development—next thing you know—Microsoft is facing antitrust investigation.

US v. Microsoft has been competitor driven since the day it began. Those opposed to the settlement are still promoting their self interest over the interests of the rest of the country.

Sincerely,



Pete Whittet